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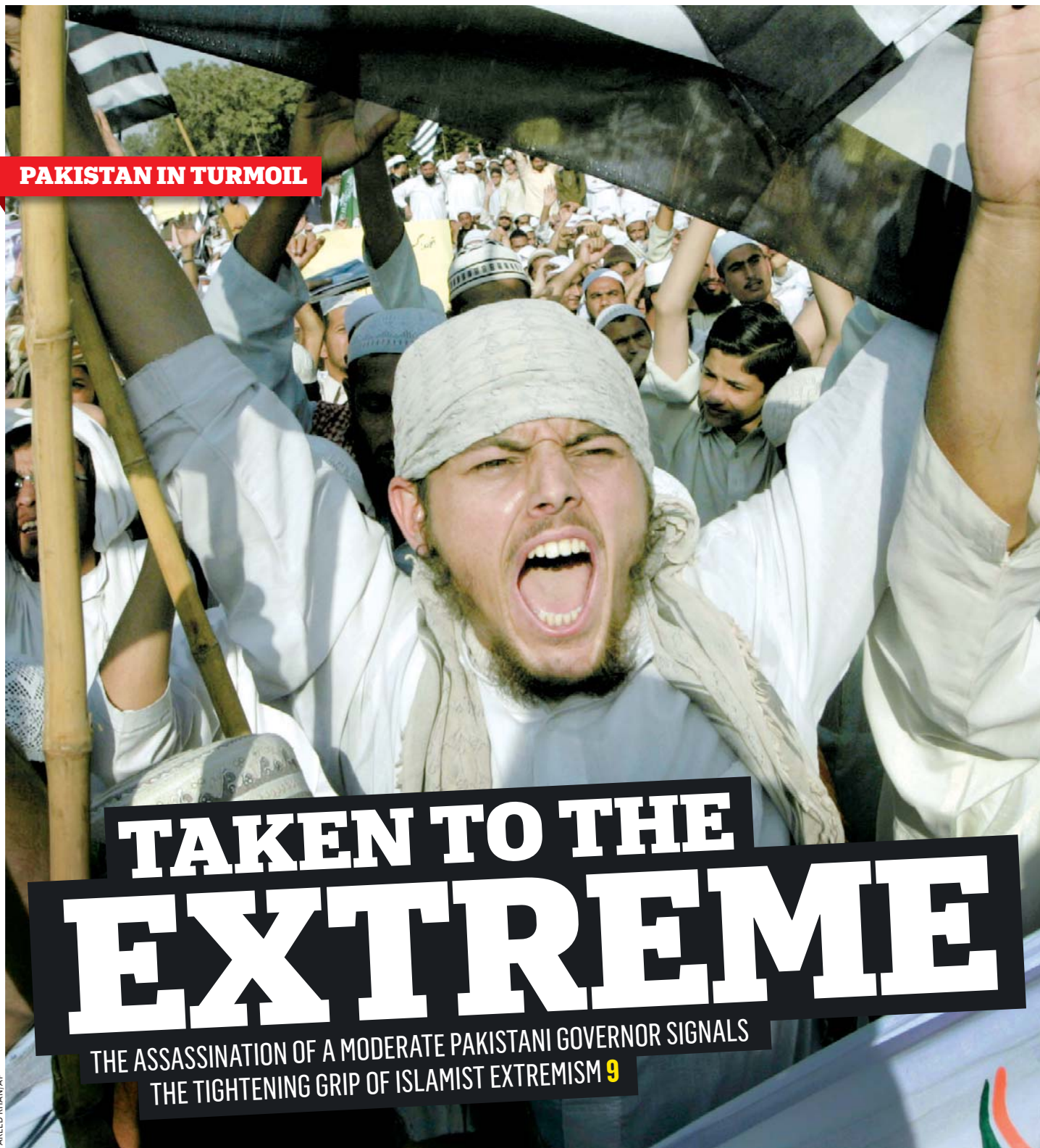
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eye openers

Fascinating Birth Tale
To Be Told Endless Times

A Rockford, Ill., couple welcomed their new daughter to the world in the last minute of 2010 — and a twin son in the first minute of 2011. Ashley Fansler gave birth to Madisen Carin Lewis at 11:59 p.m. on New Year’s Eve. Aiden Everette Lewis was born a minute later, at 12 a.m. on New Year’s Day. Dad Brandon Lewis says one of the doctors was counting down the minutes before the births. (AP)

“[Expletive], I knew I
shouldn’t of brought
that in ... [expletive].”

— KYNDRIC DALLAS WILSON, A FLORIDA MAN WHO BROUGHT COCAINE TO JAIL. HE ASKED WHETHER HE COULD JUST FLUSH IT DOWN A TOILET BUT WAS TOLD HE COULDN’T.

For a Good Time, Call This
Delinquent Home Owner

Officials in Webster, Mass., have come up with a way to make owners of run-down buildings fix up their properties. Town selectmen say they want to post 4-by-8-foot signs with the owners’ names on them on the sides of dilapidated buildings. They have asked the town administrator to investigate the legality of the signs. Selectman Mark Dowgiewicz came up with the idea when he learned that nuisance properties cost the town as much as \$9,000 per year for police responses to deal with squatters and other problems. (AP)

The Big Picture



A PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE is seen behind a cross of the Life-Giving Trinity Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Moscow on Tuesday. Europe was given a front-row seat to the first solar eclipse of 2011 only to find that in many places, a thick curtain of clouds marred the spectacle. (GETTY)



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Back With a Vengeance

House Republicans challenge Obama in return to power

Washington

On the brink of power, House Republicans challenged President Obama on Tuesday to join them in a drive to cut federal spending, ban earmarks for favored projects and overhaul the nation's tax code.

At the same time, incoming House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., conceded the new GOP majority intends to bypass its own new rules when it votes next week to wipe out the health care law approved by Democrats in 2010.

"We just need to repeal it," Cantor said of the effort to fulfill one of the party's main campaign promises from last fall.

Republicans, their ranks expanded by tea party-backed freshmen, take control of the House when the 112th Congress convenes at noon on Wednesday. One of the first orders of business will be the election of Ohio Republican John Boehner as speaker, replacing Democrat Nancy Pelosi.

Across the Capitol, Democrats retained their majority in the November elections. But the 60 seats they controlled two years ago



The new 112th Congress is due to be sworn in Wednesday, with the House being lead by Republican John Boehner of Ohio.



"We have no regrets. This administration and this Congress inherited a near-depression. And so the initiatives that we took were positive for the American people."

— DEMOCRAT NANCY PELOSI, ON HER LAST DAY AS HOUSE SPEAKER ON TUESDAY.

50%

President Obama's approval rating — its highest level in seven months, according to a Gallup poll conducted Dec. 28-29 and Jan. 2. (EXPRESS)

— enough to push through much of Obama's agenda — will fall to 53.

That will make it harder to enact legislation Obama still seeks.

Obama predicted Republicans would "play to their [political] base" initially. He added, "But I'm pretty confident that they're going to recognize that our job is to govern and make sure that we are delivering jobs for the American people."

He said the two sides can build on the lame-duck session of Congress in December, when they agreed on a compromise to prevent income taxes from rising, to extend unemployment benefits and to enact a Social Security tax cut that took effect on Saturday.

Cantor challenged and chided Obama by turn in a news conference in which he said the GOP envisions a "cut and grow majority" to reduce government spending and regulations and benefit the economy. DAVID ESPO (AP)

Changes Coming

President Obama is shaking up his senior leadership team to deal with the new realities of his term: The era of big legislation is over, a massive campaign effort needs energy and people, and the White House is taking a toll on those who run it:



WILLIAM DALEY is under serious consideration to replace Pete Rouse as chief of staff, which is considered the most important gatekeeping job in American politics. Daley, a banking executive and former Cabinet secretary under President Bill Clinton, is said to want the job. Rouse, a camera-shy adviser to Obama who has served smoothly as interim chief of staff, had never wanted to do it for long. If Rouse decides to leave, Daley will likely come aboard.

ROBERT GIBBS, the most visible spokesman for the president, is likely to leave the briefing room podium. It is unclear whether he would stay at the White House or leave for private-sector work, but either way, he will remain a presidential adviser. Gibbs has been at Obama's side since 2004 and has been expected to seek a change from the grueling job.



DAVID AXELROD, one of Obama's most trusted advisers and strategists, is leaving the White House after the State of the

Union speech in January. He plans to recharge at home in Chicago and play a significant role in Obama's re-election bid.

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Videos Cost Captain Job

Senior officer relieved of position, assigned to administrative role

Norfolk, Va.

The Navy permanently removed a senior officer from command of an aircraft carrier Tuesday because of raunchy comedy videos he made and showed to the crew several years ago. The videos, which included anti-gay slurs and sexual innuendo, showed extremely poor judgment by Capt. Owen Honors, said the commander of U.S. Fleet Forces, Adm. John C. Harvey Jr.

"While Capt. Honors' performance as commanding officer of USS Enterprise has been without incident, his profound lack of good judgment and professionalism while previously serving as executive officer on Enterprise calls into question his character and completely undermines his credibility to continue to serve effectively in command," Harvey said in a statement read to reporters in Nor-



U.S. Navy Capt. Owen Honors appears in one of a series of lewd comedy sketches.

folk on Tuesday afternoon.

Honors has been reassigned to an administrative role. Harvey said the Navy continues to investigate the case of the videos from 2006 and 2007 and will look into what other officers aboard the USS Enterprise knew about them.

No phone listing was immediately available for Honors, and he did not respond to e-mails.

Some sailors who served on the Enterprise have taken to Facebook

to defend Honors and his video skits for providing a much-needed morale boost during long deployments at sea. They portrayed Honors as a man who genuinely cared about his sailors and helped them blow off steam with corny and occasionally outrageous videos he concocted every week during six-month tours of duty in the Middle East at the height of the Iraq War. Maintaining morale is typically part of the XO's job. (AP)



Trashed: Got a new flat-screen TV and wondering what to do with the old console? Whatever it is, you'd better check your state's books before taking out the trash. In Vermont, a ban on electronic waste in landfills took effect New Year's Day, and New York, Pennsylvania and South Carolina are soon to follow suit with their own laws encouraging recycling of "e-waste" and banning landfill dumping. To date, 27 states have passed recycling programs, landfill bans or both. (AP)

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Cornelius Dupree Jr., center, raises his hands in celebration in Dallas on Tuesday.

3 Decades Later, Texan Exonerated

Court declares man innocent after DNA evidence clears him

Dallas

A Texas man declared innocent Tuesday after 30 years in prison could have cut short his prison stint twice and made parole — if only he would admit he was a sex offender. But Cornelius Dupree Jr. refused to do so, doggedly maintaining his innocence in a 1979 rape and robbery, in the process serving more time for a crime he didn't commit than any other Texas inmate exonerated by DNA evidence.

"Whatever your truth is, you have to stick with it," Dupree, 51, said Tuesday, minutes after a Dallas judge overturned his conviction.

Nationally, only two others exonerated by DNA evidence spent more time in prison, according to the Innocence Project, a New York legal center that specializes in wrongful conviction cases and represented Dupree.

Wrongly Imprisoned

Under Texas compensation laws for the wrongly imprisoned, Cornelius Dupree is eligible for \$80,000 for each year he was behind bars, plus a lifetime annuity. He could receive \$2.4 million in a lump sum that is not subject to federal income tax. The compensation law, the nation's most generous, was passed in 2009 by the Texas Legislature after dozens of wrongly convicted men were released from prison. (AP)

Dupree was sentenced to 75 years in prison in 1980 for the rape and robbery of a 26-year-old Dallas woman a year earlier. He was released in July on mandatory supervision and lived under house arrest until October. About a week after his release, DNA test results came back proving his innocence in the sexual assault. One of Dupree's lawyers, Barry Scheck, called it "a glorious day."

"It's a joy to be free again," Dupree said. JEFF CARLTON (AP)

1.16M The number of new cars and trucks sold in the U.S. in 2010 — the second-worst year in almost three decades. Companies expect sales to climb as the economy recovers and buyers grow more confident, but wonder whether they will ever reach the heights of the early 2000s, when sales topped 17 million. (AP)

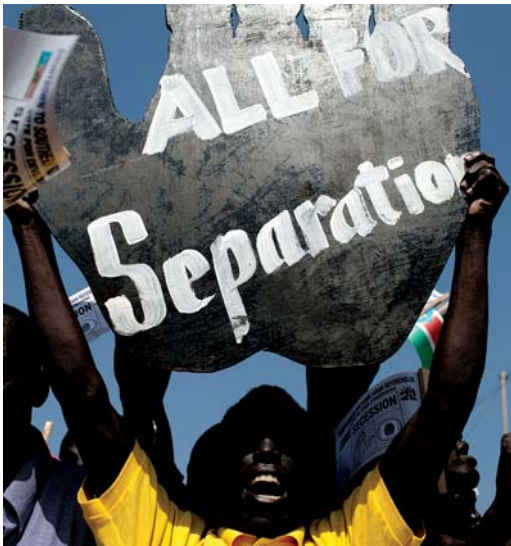
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Sudan Aims for 'the Real Peace'

Leader vows support for the south if voters decide on secession

Juba, Sudan

Sudan's government waged war with the south for more than two decades and repeatedly tried to delay an independence referendum. Now, President Omar al-Bashir said Tuesday he will help the oil-rich south if next week's vote splits Africa's largest nation in two.

Al-Bashir, who is wanted on allegations of genocide and other

atrocities committed in Sudan's western Darfur region, said unity cannot be imposed by force.

"We will be happy to achieve the real peace and final peace for all citizens in the north and the south," al-Bashir said during a rare visit to the southern capital of Juba. He pledged to give a fledgling southern Sudan "anything you need."

Analysts said his remarks reflected a realization that the Sudanese government, battling insurgencies in the east and west, could not delay the weeklong referendum on independence in the

Eyes on the Vote

Nearly 4 million people have registered to vote in Sudan's referendum beginning Sunday. The vote will be scrutinized by more than 3,000 observers. Actor George Clooney and activist John Prendergast will arrive on Thursday, and former president Jimmy Carter and former U.N. secretary-general Kofi Annan are also coming. Former South African president Thabo Mbeki will speak in Juba on Friday, and former U.S. Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry already has arrived. (AP)

south that starts Sunday. They also illustrate the co-dependence between the oil-rich south and the north, where oil pipelines run to the sea.

The mainly Christian south is expected to vote for secession from the mainly Muslim north. Southern Sudanese are still haunted by the war that left 2 million people dead as northern tribes supported by the government launched slave raids into the south, and the military bombed villages.

Activists have warned that the unstable region risks a return to violence. MAGGIE FICK (AP)

In Brief

JERUSALEM

Israel Petitions Obama To Free Convicted Spy



Netanyahu

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a public appeal Tuesday for the freedom of Jonathan Pollard, an American who spied for Israel, asking in a letter to President Obama for clemency after the spy has spent 25 years behind bars. Pollard, now 56, was arrested in 1985 and sentenced to life in prison for passing classified information to Israel. (AP)

PATNA, INDIA

Principal Fatally Stabs Lawmaker, Police Say

A school principal fatally stabbed Hindu nationalist lawmaker Raj Kishore Kesri on Tuesday at his residence in an eastern Indian state, police said. In newspaper interviews last year, Rupan Pathak accused Kesri of sexually harassing her over a three-year period, but officials said she had not filed a complaint. (AP)

Hearsay

"I hope you're having a great new year and can't wait to see you again — maybe skiing?"



— ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, IN A TWEET MONDAY AT RUSSIAN PRESIDENT DMITRY MEDVEDEV, WHO RESPONDED, "WE'LL DEFINITELY FIND THE TIME."

Karzai Calls on 'Foreign Friends' to Stop Meddling

Kabul, Afghanistan

Afghanistan's president told foreign powers Tuesday to stop meddling in the country's internal affairs — apparently lashing back at those who say rampant government corruption undermines rebuilding the war-ravaged nation.

This is not the first time President Hamid Karzai has complained of such international interference. He was careful not to specify any issue, but fraud-marred elections have been a recent target of international criticism.

Meanwhile ...

Hours before Afghan President Hamid Karzai spoke in downtown Kabul on Tuesday, a rare bomb explosion in the capital killed a policeman and wounded three other people in what appeared to be a symbolic strike against the government and a reminder of the Afghan insurgents' ability to strike at will. (AP)

"I ask our foreign friends not to interfere in our internal affairs, not to interfere in our constitution," Karzai said. "They must stop meddling in our implementation of the law in our country."

The U.S. in particular has pressed Karzai to crack down on

corruption in his government, at times threatening to withhold millions of dollars in aid.

Karzai spoke at a ceremony marking the seventh anniversary of Afghanistan's constitution, created after a U.S.-led invasion ousted the country's Taliban rulers. (AP)

Dining



BRITAIN IS CALLING TIME

on more than 300 years of history by planning to allow pubs to serve a smaller beer, about 400 milliliters, instead of the 568 milliliter pour, which has been the standard size for beer or cider since its introduction in 1698. Bars currently can serve beer only as a pint, a half or a third. An official said Tuesday that the changes are in response to health concerns and demands from businesses. (AP)

World

Iran Skips Over US In Nuke Tour Invites

Snub comes ahead of renewed nuclear talks with Tehran

Tehran, Iran

The Tehran government confirmed on Tuesday that it has invited world powers and its allies in the Arab and developing worlds — but apparently not its chief critic, the U.S. — to tour Iranian nuclear sites before a high-profile meeting in late January on its nuclear program.

Dated Dec. 27, the four-paragraph letter offered no details beyond an all-expenses paid “visit to Iran’s nuclear sites.”

The facilities are considered suspect by the West because they could be used to make the fissile core of nuclear warheads; Teh-

Meanwhile ...

The State Department is belittling Iran’s offer to let some countries visit its nuclear facilities, calling the offer a “magical mystery tour.” Reporters asked spokesman P.J. Crowley how the U.S. felt about Iran’s decision not to include the U.S. among the invited countries. Crowley responded sarcastically, saying, “We’re just crushed.” (AP)

ran’s refusal to shut them down has triggered U.N. Security Council sanctions.

The six world powers negotiating with Iran over its nuclear program are the five permanent Security Council members — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China — plus Germany. (AP)

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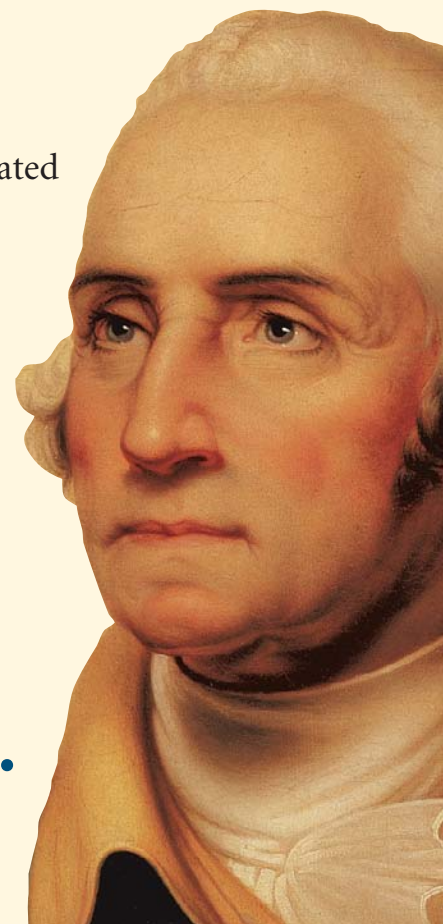
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World

Killer Photographed in the Act

Manila, Philippines

Philippine police investigating the New Year's Eve shooting death of a local councilman did not have to look further than the last photograph the victim took to find the killer.

The picture, taken outside the councilman's house in Manila, clearly shows a man aiming his gun from behind the victim's smiling three-member family, seconds before he was shot.

The relatives — Councilman Reynaldo Dagsa's daughter, wife and mother-in-law — are seen standing beside the family's car, and the gunman is pointing his gun at Dagsa. In another corner of the photograph is a man police identified as the assassin's lookout.

Police said Tuesday that Dagsa was shot seconds after the photo was taken and died of his wounds by the time he reached a hospital. His family gave police the photo,



Reynaldo Dagsa, an official in the Philippines, took this photo prior to being shot.

which ran on the Philippine Daily Inquirer's front page Tuesday.

Caloocan city police chief Jude Santos said the man identified as the gunman in the picture was arrested Monday. His accomplice

also was arrested, Santos said.

He said the main suspect was a car thief who was out on bail and likely sought revenge against Dagsa for ordering his arrest last year. (AP)

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Extremists Strike Back

Progressive governor's assassination sends Pakistan further into turmoil

Karachi, Pakistan

The tightening grip of Islamist extremism in Pakistan was violently highlighted Tuesday with the assassination of one of the nation's most outwardly progressive politicians by his own police guard, who told investigators he was incensed by his boss' stance against a controversial anti-blasphemy law.

The killing of Salman Taseer, the razor-tongued governor of Punjab province, stunned the nation and further rocked his ruling Pakistan People's Party, which is struggling to keep its government afloat after its key ally's defection Sunday to the opposition.

The governor, an ally of embattled President Asif Ali Zardari, was assassinated Tuesday at an upscale market in Islamabad, the nation's capital. Police said he was shot multiple times at the shopping plaza near his home.

A Pakistani news station quoted a witness who said he saw a security guard get out of Taseer's vehicle, raise a Kalashnikov rifle and fire through the window of the vehicle. The Associated Press reported he was hit with 26 bullets, all in the back. Interior Minister Rehman Malik said one of the governor's guards surrendered to police after the shooting and told them he was angered by Taseer's recent public endorsement of a pardon for a Christian woman sentenced to death for blasphemy.

That position had brought Taseer threats from Islamist parties, who held a strike last week against pro-



A supporter of the ruling Pakistan People's Party reacts to the fatal shooting of Punjab Gov. Salman Taseer on Tuesday.

posed changes to the nation's controversial anti-blasphemy laws. But Taseer stood by his view, posting on Dec. 30 on his Twitter account: "I was under huge pressure sure 2 cow down b4 rightest pressure on blasphemy. Refused. Even if I'm the last man standing."

The Pakistani government announced a three-week mourning period for Taseer, the highest-profile politician slain in the country since the assassination of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto three years ago.

Authorities said the arrested security guard was a member of the so-called "elite force," a Punjab police commando unit tasked

Who He Was



Friends described Punjab Gov. Salman Taseer, 66, as an outspoken moderate who defended

women's rights, minorities and secularism. Taseer vented his opposition publicly to hard-line blasphemy laws that effectively order death for anyone convicted of insulting Islam. The laws have come under greater scrutiny in recent weeks after a Christian woman, Asia Bibi, was sentenced to death for allegedly insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad. (AP)

with providing VIP security.

Militancy "has infiltrated and crept into every segment of society, whether they are police force or army or bureaucracy," Khwaja Asif, a leader of the political opposition, said Tuesday.

The assassination sent new tremors through Pakistan's political scene, which has been rocked by crisis since a key partner in the U.S.-allied governing coalition joined the opposition Sunday. That move cost the coalition its parliamentary majority.

Taseer was a close adviser to Zardari and was known as a firebrand protector of progressive views in a country where conser-

Pakistan Unrest

Major Opposition

Around the time of Tuesday's shooting, Pakistan's main opposition party, which dominates in Punjab, was holding a news conference to demand that the federal government implement reforms within three days or risk collapse. The U.S.-allied government has been on the rocks since Sunday, when Pakistan's second-largest political party left the ruling coalition led by President Asif Ali Zardari's Pakistan People's Party. The Muttahida Qaumi Movement, known as MQM, cited corruption and a recent gasoline price hike as the reasons it joined the opposition. Zardari's options for salvaging his government include trying to win the support of the main opposition party, the Pakistan Muslim League-N, headed by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif. (TWP)

vative religious groups increasingly hold sway. In an interview last June after the massive bombings of two minority sect mosques in Lahore, Taseer said the only solution to religious extremism was the "continuous, functional position of a democratic system."

"Extremist people are not in the majority," Taseer said. "This is a very narrow minority, but ... they are always prepared to do and die. That is their strength." KARIN BRULLIARD (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"He fearlessly stood up to the threats of extremists, and lost his life in defense of moderation and tolerance, values shared by most Pakistani citizens. The best way to honor his legacy is to continue resisting violent extremism and supporting the core principles on which Pakistan was founded." —JOHN KERRY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ON THE SLAIN SALMAN TASEER.



Metro Installs Lifts Czar

New position will focus on fixing chronically faulty escalators and elevators

Metro has created a senior managerial position to oversee the system's problematic escalators and will speed up some repairs after reports of chronic maintenance deficiencies and faulty equipment.

David Lacosse, who has been director of Metro's escalator and elevator office for about seven years, will report to Rodrigo Bitar, who has been named to the new position of general superintendent of elevator and escalator programs.

Metro Assistant General Manager Dave Kubicek made the appointment last month. The reorganization was first reported by



Contract workers repair an escalator at the Gallery Place station in Northwest D.C. on July 16.

the Washington Examiner.

The goal of the appointment is to "strengthen the leadership of the program, particularly with respect to quality assurance," Metro spokeswoman Lisa

Farbstein said in an e-mail.

Bitar, a veteran engineer, is faced with tackling a perennial problem for the transit agency. Lengthy escalator outages have been a frequent source of customer complaints as Metro has fallen behind in maintaining its 588 escalators and 275 elevators, which are an integral part of the system.

One of Bitar's priorities in the coming months will be to supervise the implementation of recommendations made in an independent review of escalators and elevators ordered by Interim General Manager Richard Sarles last summer and released in the fall.

The agency announced last week that it would accelerate an overhaul of eight escalators at Gallery Place and Union Station. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Gray Stands Up for Norton's Vote

D.C. mayor says rules stripping delegate of power are insulting

Washington

Washington Mayor Vincent Gray and advocates for the city are protesting a Republican plan to take away power from the District's sole representative in Congress.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington's delegate to Congress, has never been a full voting member of the House. But under Democratic control, Norton has been allowed to vote in the House Committee of the Whole. That allowed her to vote



Mayor Vincent Gray, left, speaks in the foyer of the Rayburn House Office Building, urging GOP leaders Tuesday to retain the District's only vote on the House floor.

on proposed changes to legislation, though not on their passage.

New rules being considered Wednesday when a Republican-controlled Congress reconvenes would strip the Democrat of her vote in that committee.

On Tuesday, Gray and Norton joined the advocacy group D.C. Vote on Capitol Hill to protest the new rules.

Gray, who took office as mayor just two days ago, called the proposed change "the most outrageous insult imaginable."

"Here we are ... fighting to preserve what little we have," Gray said. "We have the smallest sliver of democracy imaginable." (AP)

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Mid-day Pick 4	4-8-0-1
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Match 5 (Mon.)	1-7-11-30-39 (28)

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Mid-day Pick 3	7-0-6
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	7-3-8
Mid-day Pick 4	6-6-4-2
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A Metro Transit Police bomb technician takes a digital X-ray of a bag on Dec. 21, 2010.

Riders Fight Back Against
Metro Bag Inspections

Washington

Members of the public spoke out against Metro's decision to start random bag inspections, with speaker after speaker condemning the initiative at a meeting held by the Metro Riders' Advisory Council on Monday evening.

In a string of one-minute statements in the public comment period of the Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) meeting, virtually every speaker called the searches unconstitutional, invasive and ineffective — arguing they could create a false sense of security and aid terrorists. Speakers urged Metro to halt the practice.

"I'd like to ask Metro to please stop wasting our time and money," Andy Hunt said, adding that Metro has hurt more people in accidents than any terrorist. "If he wants to hurt us, he's gonna hurt us."

Dozens of other speakers agreed, castigating the searches as "security theater" that is more like-

ly to heighten fear than safety and rejecting Metro's position that the searches will deter attackers.

"We're not Israel, nor should we be," Robert Ehrmann said. "The searches are ineffective."

Metro Transit Police officers at the meeting countered that public

"I'd like to ask Metro to please stop wasting our time and money."

— ANDY HUNT, A RIDER SPEAKING AT MONDAY NIGHT'S PUBLIC MEETING.

comments submitted to Metro on the searches have been positive and showed a video illustrating how the checks are conducted.

"Public comment has been very supportive" apart from at the RAC meeting, said Capt. Kevin Gaddis of the Metro Transit Police. "We have had 55 comments from riders" and most were positive, he said. ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Scofflaws, Rejoice

The District could grant partial amnesty to those who owe parking or speeding tickets in an effort to recover some of an estimated \$300 million in money owed, the Washington Examiner reports. If implemented, it's estimated it could raise \$6 million to help plug a \$500 million budget

gap. The amnesty would require payment of original fines, but without added penalty fees. The mayoral transition means it's unclear whether the idea would be implemented. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

A Circus Atmosphere

Shanahan will need at least another year to end drama in D.C.

The Redskins

The 2010 Washington Redskins will be remembered for two catchphrases: "conditioning test" and "cardiovascular endurance."

Here's another one worth noting, uttered by general manager Bruce Allen one year ago this week: "Last place two years in a row is not Redskins football."

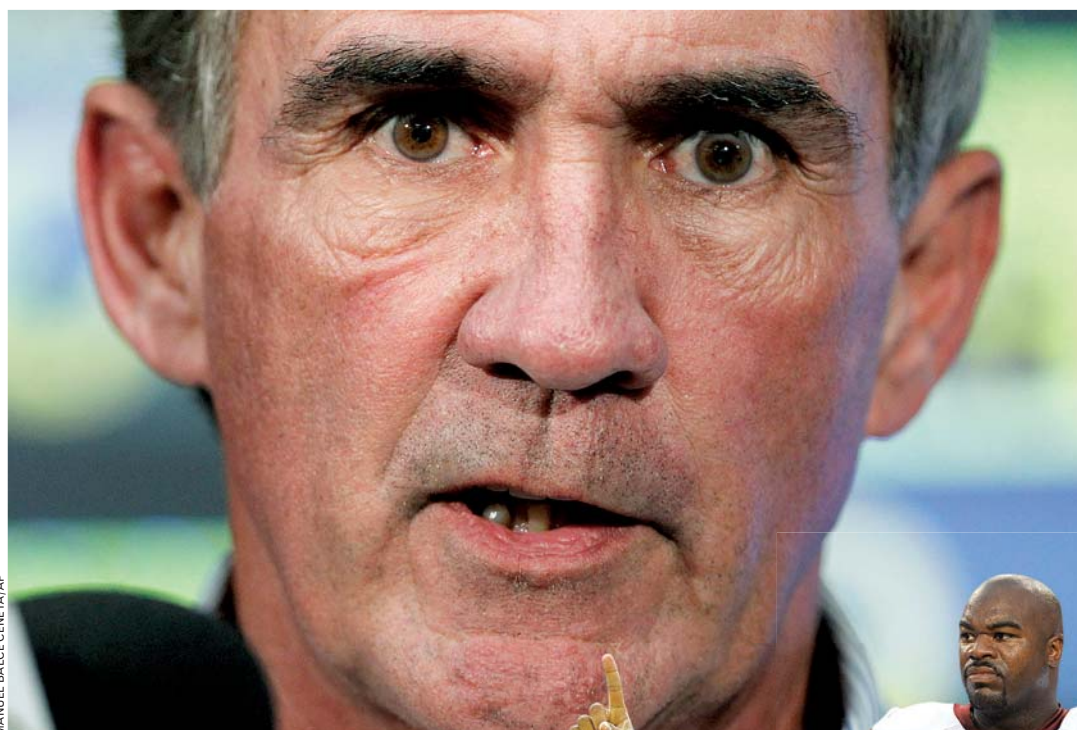
As it turns out, Redskins football is now last place three years in a row.

For the first time in franchise history, Washington sits at the bottom of its division in the final standings for the third-straight season, showing only marginal statistical improvement in the transition from Jim Zorn's 4-12 team to the Mike Shanahan squad that wrapped a 6-10 record with Sunday's loss to the New York Giants.

The no-nonsense coach's attempt at bringing stability to a franchise that has bred turmoil and mediocrity for nearly two decades is proving to be a mightier task than most in the organization would have imagined. One piece of evidence speaks volumes: The final tally of money collected from players who showed up late for meetings and committed other indiscretions.

"I've had more fines here my first year than I did with Denver, then I did with the Raiders," Shanahan said Monday. "That's what I mean [by] just a sense of responsibility, people doing things the right way. ... After your first year, usually, they understand the standard that you've set — and people comply a lot quicker."

While Shanahan wants to run the Redskins more like a professional organization, the coach himself was a major contributor



SHANAHAN'S TERRIBLE TWO

While it can be argued that the punishments of Albert Haynesworth and Donovan McNabb were deserved — Haynesworth had a questionable attitude; McNabb wasn't playing well — the coach lost ground in the court of public opinion for the way he handled both situations. The fact that he made Haynesworth take and retake the team's conditioning test at training camp was just part of a back-and-forth that started in March and climaxed when Shanahan suspended Haynesworth for the season's final four games, creating a distraction. Unapologetic about Haynesworth, Shanahan said he could have handled McNabb's benching better. (AP)

"Sometimes it takes some time for people to understand that everybody's got a piece of the puzzle, that everybody's got a sense of responsibility."

— COACH MIKE SHANAHAN, WHO SAID HE EXPECTS IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR EVERYONE TO BE ON THE SAME PAGE IN HIS SECOND YEAR WITH THE REDSKINS.

to yet another circus season in the nation's capital. He alienated the two biggest names on his roster — Albert Haynesworth and Donovan McNabb — in very public fashion, eventually benching one and suspending the other.

Shanahan said he will review the game videos over the next two weeks before deciding on a plan for his quarterbacks and the rest of the roster heading into free agency and the draft.

"Anytime you're 6-10, obviously, that's a big disappointment,"

said Shanahan, who matched his worst full-season record in his 17 seasons as an NFL coach. "But I think the key is where you're headed, and we're headed in the right direction."

Which means, maybe, just maybe, playing for the Redskins won't feel like such a soap opera anymore. "I hope so," said cornerback Carlos Rogers, an unrestricted free agent who said he wants to return. "Shanahan's trying to clear it all up; he's trying to clear up everything." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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The Best Time of Year for Redskins

Redskins fans can rejoice. With that pesky regular season out of the way, it's time for their team to shine.

Nobody does the offseason quite like the Redskins, and this year should be no different. Not one but two superstars are likely to be shipped out of town.

And in the case of Donovan McNabb, his departure will make room for the next quarterback of the future.

Washington has seen its fill of those since Joe Gibbs retired the first time. And without fail, from Heath Shuler to Patrick Ramsey and up to Jason Campbell, it never really works out.

That's why McNabb's arrival was

It's just another example of how only the faces change at Redskins Park — not the bad habits.

supposed to signal something new: an era in which the Redskins had a true leader on offense — a player who would last for years. So much for that.

Odds are the Redskins will be using the 10th pick in the NFL draft on a quarterback. If not, it means they've moved up — probably shipping away future picks — to grab Andrew Luck or some other college star coach Mike Shanahan covets.

As for free agency, you know Washington won't sit still. Shanahan said as much Monday. It's just another example of how only the faces change at Redskins Park — not the bad habits.

At least the offseason frenzy is sure to generate optimism soon. It always does. Now is a great time to be a Redskins fan — until next season kicks off.



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TV Lineup

WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN) The Wizards shoot for their first road win of the season when visiting the 76ers.

NBA (10:30 P.M., ESPN) The Los Angeles Lakers visit the Phoenix Suns.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN) No. 1 Duke aims to stay undefeated when hosting UAB, and Tennessee takes on Memphis.

SOCCER (2:30 P.M., ESPN) Manchester City faces Arsenal in the Premier League.

Bengals' Lewis Wins Extension

Pro Football

Marvin Lewis is staying as the Bengals' coach.

Lewis agreed to a contract extension on Tuesday after two days of negotiating changes in how the front office functions. Owner Mike Brown wanted to keep him, offering an extension last season. Lewis wanted to stay, too, but only if he got more influence over decisions.

The Bengals are coming off a 4-12 season. They've had only two

winning records during Lewis' eight seasons, which would get a coach fired in most NFL cities. In Cincinnati, Lewis' 60-69-1 record wasn't a deal-breaker.

Cincinnati has only two winning records in the last 20 years, both under Lewis. The club didn't release details of the extension, which will make Lewis the longest-tenured head coach in franchise history. Franchise founder Paul Brown and Sam Wyche also coached for eight seasons. (AP)



Rich Rodriguez was 15-22 in three seasons as Michigan's head football coach.

Michigan Mulls Firing Rodriguez

Reports say coach is out after meeting with AD for hours

College Football

Embattled Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez was meeting with his boss Tuesday amid reports that he will be fired after three disappointing seasons. The meeting between the coach and athletic director Dave Brandon stretched late into Tuesday afternoon, according to two people familiar with the situation who spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

There was no announcement at Express' deadline, but the Detroit Free Press and Fox 2 TV said the coach has been fired after failing to find the same success he had at West Virginia. The school, though, denied the reports late Tuesday.

Rodriguez's third season ended Saturday with a 38-point loss to

Meanwhile ...



Jim Harbaugh, who just led Stanford to an emphatic Orange Bowl win over Virginia Tech, may top Michigan's wish list to replace Rich Rodriguez, but the Detroit Free Press reports that the coach is likely to remain at Stanford or take a job in the pros. Harbaugh is one of several coaches with ties to Michigan, but it now appears that LSU's Les Miles and San Diego State's Brady Hoke — two former assistants at the school — more likely candidates. (EXPRESS)

Mississippi State in the Gator Bowl, dropping his overall record to 15-22 with college football's winningest program. If he is fired, Michigan would owe him \$2.5 million to buy out the final three years of his contract. LARRY LAGE (AP)



Over the Line

ESPN has fired announcer Ron Franklin after he reportedly berated a female colleague. The network pulled him from its radio coverage of Saturday's Fiesta Bowl, and Franklin issued an apology Monday. Sideline reporter Jeannine Edwards told USA Today that Franklin called her "sweet baby" in a condescending tone. When she objected, he used a derogatory term. (AP)

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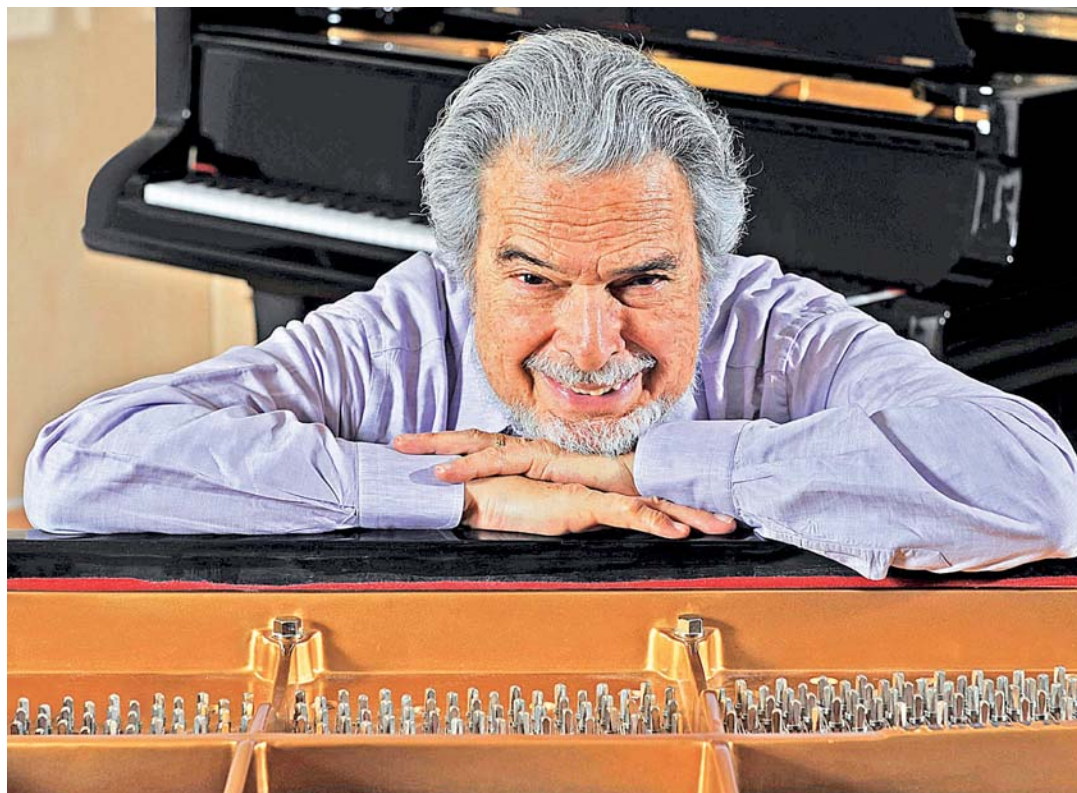
In the world of gaming, this might be a first: A few months before one of the most anticipated gadgets of the year is set to arrive in stores, its manufacturer warns users that the device "could possibly have a negative impact on the growth of [young users'] eyes."

That's the news Nintendo has quietly released regarding its newest handheld video game device, the 3DS. The gadget, slated to go on sale in March, is the first mainstream product that creates the illusion of 3-D graphics without the use of glasses.

That innovation would be a major tech breakthrough — unless, of course, it shrinks your eyeballs. I did some checking, and apparently Nintendo's message got more lost in translation than Bill Murray.

Nintendo is concerned that for young children, prolonged use of the gadget might "rewire" the way their brains interpret signals from their eyes. In theory, the kids could get so accustomed to looking at the illusion of 3-D that they would have a hard time seeing reality. So, Nintendo says children younger than 6 should not play the 3DS. For everyone else, game on — at your own risk.

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After he lost mobility in two of his fingers, classical pianist Leon Fleisher mastered left-handed works and became a teacher.

Obi-Wan of Piano

Anne Midgette shares the tale of a classical musician's triumph over a career crisis

Author Q&A

Leon Fleisher was 36 years old and an accomplished classical pianist when he lost the use of two fingers on his right hand. For 30 years he worked to regain mobility, practicing every day in hopes that his fingers would heal. It wasn't until the mid-'90s that doctors

diagnosed the problem as focal dystonia and began a successful treatment of Botox injections.

But those 30 years weren't a waste, as Fleisher's new memoir attests. "My Nine Lives: A Memoir of Many Careers in Music" (\$26, Doubleday) co-written with Washington Post music critic Anne Midgette, recounts his tragedy and triumph, as well as everything in between: Fleisher

became a teacher and conductor, and he mastered a wide repertoire of left-handed compositions.

Midgette spoke to Express about her literary duet with the pianist.

Were you aware of Fleisher's story when you first heard his music?

I knew his story. ... I knew him as one of the great teachers — the Obi-Wan Kenobi of piano, as he's often called.

What makes his style different?

He has a keen understanding of how to delve into the music. ... If you

listen to his Bach "Sheep May Safely Graze," which is on his CD "Two Hands" — the first two-handed CD he made in 30 years — you can hear that wonderful simplicity, like cool water flowing.

"Not being able to play with two hands forced him to find new words to express himself."

How did teaching and conducting change his approach?

As a solo pianist, you're supposed to sit in a room with your instrument for hours every day and try to make yourself the best you can be. He says not being able to play with two hands forced him to find new words to express himself and made him a better teacher and conductor.

How did it change his repertoire, aside from the many left-handed compositions he performed?

The repertoire he dealt with as a conductor took him way outside what he did as a pianist. He gave a concert at the 92nd Y in New York a couple of weeks ago. He finished with two pieces by Gyorgy Ligeti, which is very avant-garde [music] from the 1950s and 1960s. ... It was, for me, a very heartening concert to see the depth and dimensionality in his music-making that, I think, came directly as a result of not being able to play the standard repertoire for so many years. **STEPHEN M. DEUSNER**

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Come to Your Spidey Senses, Sir: The actor badly hurt after plunging more than 30 feet in front of a shocked audience watching the Broadway musical "Spider-Man: Turn off the Dark" says he's itching to slip back into costume. "I can't wait to get back to the show. I love being Spider-Man," Christopher Tierney said Monday. Tierney suffered a fractured skull, a fractured shoulder blade, four broken ribs and three broken vertebrae on Dec. 20. (AP)



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1 Bobby and Jackie And Also Jack

If you have time for only lunch-time drop-ins at the Smithsonian, its tiny exhibits are best. It has just opened a gallery of nine photos — images that Richard Avedon shot of the Kennedys for Harper's Bazaar in 1960, such as this one of Caroline and John-John, left. Expect poignant portraits of the family that America put its faith in before the 1970s, Vietnam and our loss of national innocence. **National Museum of American History, 1400 Constitution Ave. NW; free; 202-633-1000.**

2 Art Factory

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3 The Coattails Represent Abe Lincoln's Indecision

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People's Power

Queen Latifah hosts the latest ceremony to honor entertainers

Awards

CBS 9:00 A winter TV staple nearly as venerable as "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve," "The People's Choice Awards" has been around since 1975 and provides a nice barometer of popular, if predictable, tastes.

For the record, the first movie to win was "The Sting," starring Paul Newman. Voting went online in 2005. Before then, winners were determined by a Gallup poll.

Queen Latifah hosts this year's ceremony from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. Musical performers include Kid Rock, Selena Gomez

and the Scene.

If you haven't voted yet, you can still log your picks online at Peopleschoice.com up until showtime for Favorite New TV Comedy and TV Drama. Nominated comedies include "\$#! My Dad Says," "Better With You," "Mike & Molly," "Outsourced" and "Raising Hope." Nominated dramas are "The Event," "Hawaii Five-0," "Hellcats," "Nikita" and "No Ordinary Family."

For the first time, fans voted online to add new categories, which include favorite song, favorite horror movie and favorite TV doctor.

The awards have also introduced the "favorite movie star under 25" category. Nominees include Emma Watson, Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Vanessa Hudgens and Zac Efron. (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE/TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Best Bets

ABC 8:00



The Middle Tired of being at the beck and call of their kids 24/7 and never having any quality time to themselves, Mike and Frankie decide it's time to take back control of the Heck household. If they think Axl, Sue and Brick are going to just roll over for this, though, they have another thing coming.

FOX 8:00

Human Target Ilsa considers cutting ties with Chance when one of his old flames turns up seeking his help rescuing a kidnapped colleague. Winston, Guerrero and Ames must bail a private investigator (guest star Tony Hale) out of trouble.

ABC 8:30

Better With You After accusing Ben of ripping her favorite jeans, Mia drags him to the store, where he's forced to tell her the truth: It's time for maternity pants. Joel gets his own wake-up call about his appearance when he learns he's dead last in the "fantasy husband draft" that Vicky and her girlfriends have set up.

ABC 9:00

Modern Family Claire becomes determined to stop a car that speeds through the neighborhood. Phil copes with a difficult client. Jay teaches Manny to ride a bike. Mitchell and Cameron (Eric Stonestreet, right) meet a neighbor who is a bit of a mystery. (TM)



Competition



Setting the Pace

Well, this should be interesting: For the first time (and probably the last time) in the history of Bravo's "Top Chef" (10 p.m.) franchise, head judge Tom Colicchio picks up his knives on camera to prepare a meal, challenging the remaining all-star contestants to beat his speedy time for their quickfire challenge. Next, the chefs head to Chinatown for a challenge requiring them to make dim sum for hundreds of local residents in a bid to avoid elimination in the fifth episode of the season, "Dim Sum Lose Sum." (TM)



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No Segway tours here. This is the real Miami, a place to pass a lazy afternoon by the bay, peruse independent boutiques and enjoy some surprisingly delicious local bistros — including celebrity chef Michelle Bernstein's flagship restaurant, Michy's.

The stretch along Route 1, which recently received a historic designation, lies just north of midtown, dividing Biscayne Bay's hidden residential neighborhoods from Miami's Little Haiti corridor. MiMo is easily distinguished by a string of 1950s-era or Mid-century Modern motels along Biscayne Boulevard, and by the original, kitschy, three-story sign of the Coppertone Girl and her dog on a building overlooking the traffic at 7300 Biscayne Blvd. The hotels flourished in the 1950s as afford-



Artist Daniel Fila paints a mural Dec. 9 at Yiya's Gourmet Cuban Bakery and Cafe.

"There's a long way to go, but MiMo is undiscovered. It's eclectic, and things are changing a lot."

— ILISSA WHITEHEAD, RESIDENT OF MIMO WHO OPENED THE CONSIGNMENT BAR TO SUPPORT HER NEIGHBORHOOD.

able, family-friendly lodging before the advent of freeways — so, too, did the first franchised Playboy Club (now defunct), which flouted segregation rules in the waning years of Jim Crow. Then, like much of Miami, the neighborhood fell into disrepair. But today, MiMo is once

more on the rise.

MiMo is still a mix of naughty and nice. A couple of the hotels, like the New Yorker at 6500 Biscayne Blvd., have been revamped in the sleek style of their 1950s heyday and are drawing young, European budget travelers, but midnight police sirens aren't uncommon.

Still, it's fine for day-trippers with families, who can start the morning just outside MiMo's northern border at Yiya's Gourmet Cuban Bakery and Cafe, at 646 NE 79th St. Enjoy a cafe con leche and sugar-dusted vanilla croissant or a guava cheese Danish and chat with the super-friendly staff. (AP)



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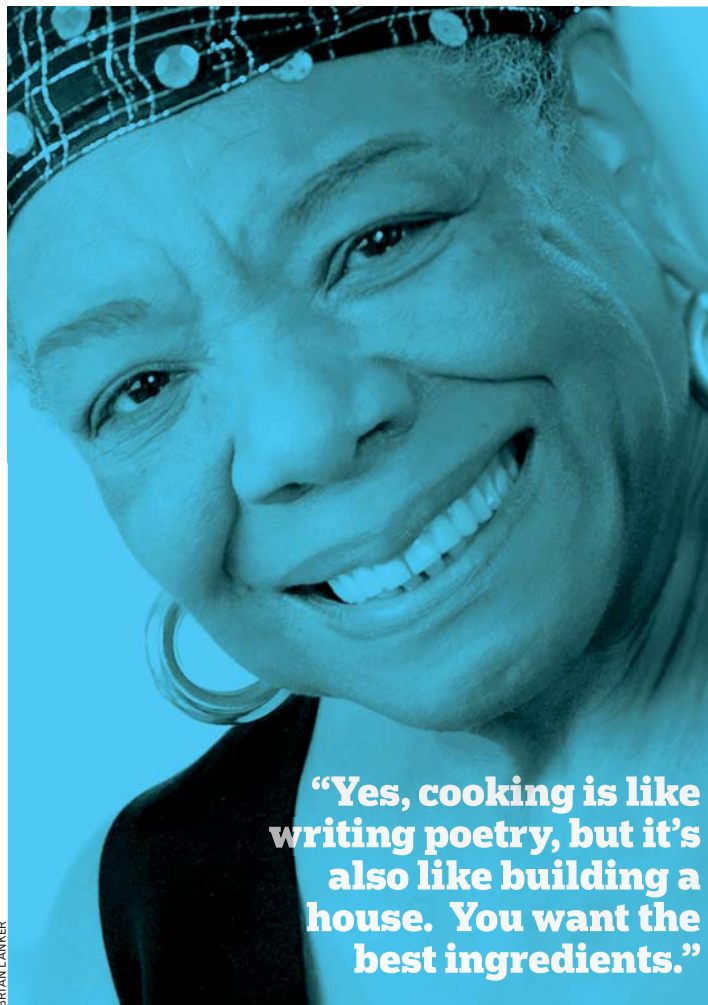
Maya Angelou gives aspiring poets and cooks the same advice: "Plan every movement. Give yourself a lot of time and always forgive yourself." This year, the literary luminary will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom for filling libraries with weighty poetry and prose, but her latest project is considerably lighter. In "Great Food, All Day Long: Cook Splendidly, Eat Smart" (\$30, Random House), she shares her healthy, homespun dishes.

Why did you decide to start writing cookbooks?

Oh, I'm a cook! I'm a serious cook. A few days ago, someone interviewing me said, "So, you're a chef?" and I said, "No, I'm not a chef. A chef is someone who cooks to be compensated." I cook to be compensated by the smiles of family and the laughs of my friends.

What do meals mean to you?

In a wonderful way, mealtime is almost the most intimate time that people have together. Of course, when one is making love with someone one loves, with a beloved, that's the most intimate. But the next most intimate time is when a person has gone shopping for the freshest produce, the finest-looking chicken or beef or fish, and came home to prepare it in the best possible way, and then presented it beautifully and sat



"Yes, cooking is like writing poetry, but it's also like building a house. You want the best ingredients."

BRIAN LANKER

down to eat it with a beloved — that is extremely intimate.

Has the idea of dinnertime changed in this country?

I think we dropped the ball somewhere. We've raised a generation of young folks who have their major meals at counters. At McDonald's, Burger King and even at the counters in their own homes. We're losing something so important, and it will change America. It will change who we are to ourselves and to each other and to the world.

Is cooking like writing poetry?

Yes, cooking is like writing poetry, but it's also like building a house. You want the best ingredients. When you're writing a poem, you hope to have a good vocabulary, and to choose the nouns and pronouns and verbs carefully. The way you put them together will determine how they affect another person. And it's really because you've been careful in the choice of your ingredients and respectful of how they work together. That's true of all the efforts in life.

Is there a meal that's particularly poetic?

Oh, I don't know — it depends on who's eating or who's preparing it and what time of day it is. But I'll say this: Somebody made the rule that you have eggs for breakfast, a sandwich at lunch and a steak at dinner. That's ridiculous. If you get up in the morning and want a bowl of chili, I think that's

what you should have. That can be romantic.

You've lived in so many places. How has regional food affected your style of cooking?

I'm respectful of the men and women cooking those things in their way. We all eat the same things all over the world: flour, corn, millet, meat and vegetables and fish. People prepare the foods in different ways, but I like the idea that I'm a human being — nothing human can be alien to me. We make a mistake in thinking there's a mystique. What we should do, what I try to do is have respect.

Favorite recipe?

I love pears poached in port. They're nice because the next morning you can have half of a pear, and they're just so cool and refreshing. And since there's port mixed in, it makes people think they're being a little wild.

You love leftovers. Any favorites?

I love hash. If I've had a roast prime rib, I make a hash. I like one-pot meals. Sometimes there are those folks who don't want to eat leftovers, but there are ways to prepare leftovers so that the diner doesn't think it's the original recipe.

Any advice for novice cooks?

I encourage a novice cook to read a recipe carefully. Put everything that goes into the recipe out on the counter ... and plan every movement. KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)

PEARS IN PORT WINE

Ingredients

- ▶ 4 ripe, firm pears
- ▶ 3 cups Ruby Port wine
- ▶ 1/4 cup sugar
- ▶ 1 jigger (3 tablespoons) Cointreau
- ▶ 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Serves 4

Serving size: One pear, or if one-half pear will satisfy, offer vanilla ice cream at the first serving.

Peel the pears, but leave them whole. With the stem end intact, cut off a thin slice at the bottom so that the pears can stand upright.

In a nonreactive saucepan, bring the Port, sugar and 2 cups of water to a boil.

Place the whole pears in the liquid, lower the heat, and simmer uncovered for about 35 minutes, turning the pears occasionally, until they are tender. Remove pears with a slotted spoon and set aside.

Increase the heat under the saucepan and reduce the liquid by half by boiling vigorously for 20 minutes to a medium-thick syrup. Add the Cointreau and vanilla.

Place the pears upright in a serving dish and spoon the reduced syrup over them. Chill for at least two hours before serving.



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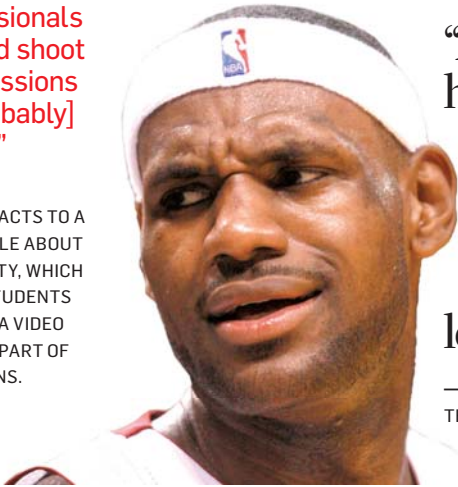
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be able to say under a different guise something that you are unable to say under your own. Someone else knows what's up, however.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A lighthearted approach allows you a little more freedom, and you'll discover something that comes as quite a surprise but pleases you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Could it be that someone is actually playing with your affections at this time? You're in no mood for games; tell the truth if you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) With another's timely help, you can do something that a whole army of others hasn't been able to do in times past. They will be impressed, surely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It is up to you to make sure that envy doesn't run rampant through your circle. There is no reason for such negative feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can keep any sort of unhappiness at bay simply by remembering what you have going for you at this time. Potential is all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not be satisfied with the usual rewards; you want something more, but you'll have to do something more to win it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't begin meddling in the name of friendship; there are times to lend assistance and times to stand clear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It's a good day to speak plainly, with honest intentions. Not for you any sort of deception, lest you fall prey to it yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may count yourself lucky to have avoided something that a friend has willingly subjected himself to, but you may be rather envious, too.

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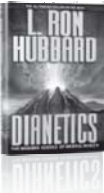
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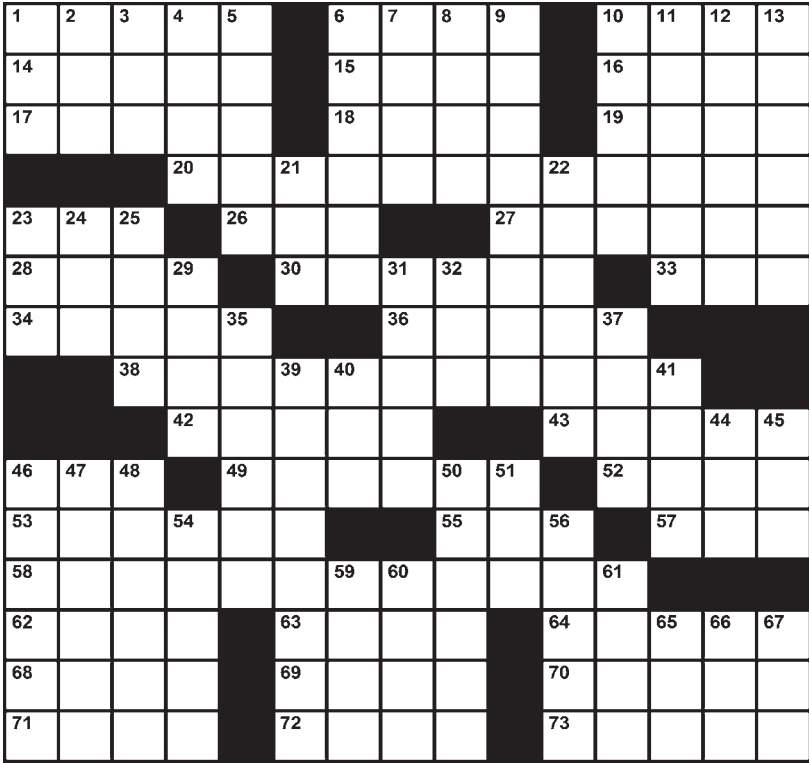
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57 Watch covertly
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69 Sitcom spun off from "The Dukes of Hazzard"
70 Copier refill
71 Busy one's list heading
72 "For goodness' ___!"
73 Pass as law

DOWN

- 1 It shows the way



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- 2 Cousin of an ostrich
3 Toy-pistol ammo
4 Old Russian ruler
5 Teller of fables
6 Raise or erect
7 Court plaintiff
8 Discharge, as light
9 Texas air force base
10 Short vowel indicator
11 Live-in household helper
12 Famous Brando cry
13 What she sells by the seashore
21 Hold out a paw
22 Defeat, as an incumbent
23 Neigh sayer's nosh
24 Chinchilla's coat
25 Unseen circus performer

- 29 Tailor's tuck
31 State one's viewpoint
32 Whisper sweet nothings to
35 Feared fly
37 Nickelodeon feature
39 Improves
40 Here-there separator
41 Asian nation with 16 provinces
44 Break bread
45 Hear, as a case
46 Jazz singer Etta James' signature song
47 Shanty
48 Used shears
50 Sheathe
51 ___ of Galilee
54 Wordsworth's Muse
56 Send into ecstasy
59 ___ fide (authentic)

- 60 Run ___ (go berserk)
61 State bird of Minnesota
65 Genetic trait carrier
66 Private eye, slangily
67 It's been framed!

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1896 Austrian newspaper Wiener Presse reports German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen's discovery of a type of radiation that came to be known as "X-rays."

1925 Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming becomes the first female governor in U.S. history.

1970 "All My Children" premieres on ABC-TV.

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**PUBLISHING****Finally, the Salvation of The Magazine Industry!**

Lady Gaga was the most popular magazine cover subject in 2010, according to sales figures collected by the Audit Bureau of Circulations. Women's Wear Daily reports that the Rolling Stone issue featuring Gaga was the magazine's top seller of the year. Her cover of Vanity Fair was bested in sales only by Angelina Jolie; Elle and Cosmopolitan also did well with Gaga. (EXPRESS)

FAME**'Hey, Nation of Billions. Do This Random Thing.'**

Paul McCartney is urging India to declare a national Vegetarian Day to celebrate meat-free living and compassion toward animals. People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals says McCartney sent a letter to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh saying such a day could save animals while helping to protect both the environment and people's health. (AP)



AL SEIB/AP

Here is a picture of Lindsay Lohan. Write your own damn caption.

EXHAUSTION**It Will Never End**

Sheriff's investigators want Lindsay Lohan charged with battery for a skirmish with a Betty Ford Center worker. A two-week investigation shows Lohan violated her probation during the altercation, and details will be sent to the Los Angeles County Probation Department this week. A Beverly Hills judge has said Lohan will be jailed if she violates probation. (AP)

Dirtbag Digest**Favre Legacy to Live On**

The New York Jets say a lawsuit filed against them and Brett Favre is without merit. Two women are seeking unspecified damages from Favre, the Jets and a team massage coordinator, saying they lost their jobs after complaining about Favre. (AP)

**QUESTIONS****Will It Last? Do We Care? If So, Why? Discuss**

Country singer Kellie Pickler has gotten married. Her label, BNA Records, says in a statement that she wed songwriter Kyle Jacobs on New Year's Day. They held a small ceremony on a private island in the Caribbean. Pickler finished in the top six on "American Idol" in 2005. (AP)



"For younger guys, it's like [they think] they're not cool if they come to my concert. That'll [change], I think; it'll happen, maybe when I'm 18. But meanwhile all their girlfriends are coming to watch me."

— JUSTIN BIEBER REVEALS HIS COMPLETE LACK OF INSECURITIES TO VANITY FAIR MAGAZINE.

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- ✓ Scholarships will be based on an essay, stories produced in the workshop, class attendance and participation in all eight sessions.
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